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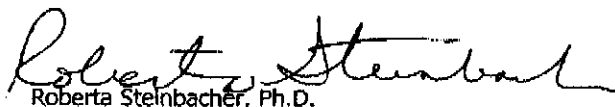
Dear Madame Dortch:

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The proposal by M2Z Networks to offer free, broadband Internet access will not increase the number of minority and female candidates who operate construction equipment but it will make it easier for those candidates to gather the information needed to pass the test. Too often we take technology for granted and assume that equal opportunity exists in society, in our educational system, and in the marketplace. As a practicing psychologist I can tell you that is not the case. The digital revolution has not penetrated into all segments of our society and those most in need are typically the most unlikely to have access. Free Internet connectivity may not be a panacea, but it will open up a new world for those trying to make a better life for themselves.

I encourage your support of Docket Number 07 - 16. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Roberta Steinbacher, Ph.D.

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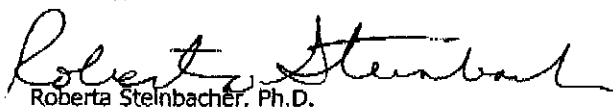
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Dear Secretary Dortch:

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Despite the terrible tragedy of September 11, 2001 we have failed as a nation to establish an operable broadband public safety network for our first responders during a time of crisis. It is my understanding that a proposal by M2Z would offer such capability and would be offered without cost, a boost to both our financial health as well as public safety. With increased emphasis put on local governments to respond first to natural and man-made disasters, it is imperative that reliable and durable resources are provided. Our citizens need to know that our emergency response professionals can adequately perform their jobs.

I urge the Commission to seriously consider the proposal submitted by M2Z as defined in docket #7-16 and to take needed action to provide our nation's first responders the tools necessary to protect the public safety of our citizens.

Best wishes,



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